(v) A number of schemes like Science and Engineering Research Council are being operated for supporting research in inter disciplinary areas.

(vi) New scientific departments/organisations such as, Department of Environment, Ocean Development. New Energy Sources, National Biotechnology Board, etc., have been set up and some of these are in high technology areas.

(vii) A S&T Entrepreneurship Board has been established and scientists, engineers and technologists are being encourged to set up their own enterprises.

(viii) There is a provision for temporary placement of scentists and technologists under the scheme of Scientists Pool. A provision has also been made for creation of supernumerary posts.

(ix) Delegations of enhanced administrative and financial powers have been made to scientific institutions to improve working conditions of scientists.

Family circumstances of Shri Birsa Munda

391. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Blitz' of 14th December, 1985 to the effect that Shri Birsa Munda, the forgotten hero in Bihar, his family working as maid servant there and his sister is starving; and

(b) whether Government propose to help to alleviate his family from humiliation, suffering and starvation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have not received any application for financial assistance from Smt. Kuddi Munda and the granddaughters of late Shri Birsa Munda who are stated to be his closest living relatives. However, the Government of Bihar have been requested to furnish us the full details of the case and appropriate action will be taken on receipt of information from the State Government.

Sanction of special grants to J&K by the Planning Commission

392. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether in view of the acute shortage of energy and power in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and the water resources available there the Planning Commission propose to sanction special grants to the State so that the work in various projects pending for want of adequate grants is started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): No proposal is under consideration in the Planning Commission to sanction special grants to Jammu and Kashmir for taking up power projects.

The State is faced with shortage of peaking power and energy. The approved 7th Plan envisages additions of 76 MW as follows:

Name of Scheme	Capacity	Year of Commissioning
	(MW)	
Karnah (H) .	2×1	1987-88
Upper Sindh Stage-II (H) .	2×35	1988-89 1989-90
Stakna (H) . .	2×2	1986-87

The State would also be able to avail of 105 MW of Power from the Central Sector Salal H.E. Project (3x115 MW) scheduled to be commissioned in 1986-87.

With the above additions the power position is expected to improve by 1989-90.

Installation of 2x20 MW Diesel Generating Sets to tide over immediate power shortage in winter months is under consideration.

It needs to be added that Jammu and Kashmir being a special category State, Central assistance is provided to it on a liberal scale to take care of not only its Plan requirements but also to meet a part of its non-plan expenditure.

Plan Outlay for Uttar Pradesh for 1986-87

393. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual plan for Uttar Pradesh for 1986-87 has been discussed and approved by the Planning Commission ;

(b) if so, what is the outlay; and

(c) in which sectors of development stress is being laid during the year in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 2030 crores is fixed for State's Annual Plan 1986-87.

(c) Stress is being laid on Agriculture, Irrigation, Power and Poverty Allevation Programmes.

Negotiations for Sri Lankan Citizenship to stateless Persons of Indian Origin

394. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any negotiations were carried on with the Government of Sri Lanka in recent weeks for grant of Sri Lankan citizenship to the Stateless persons of Indian origin in the country; and

(b) if so, what were the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India and Sri Lanka arrievd at an agreement on the question of grant of citizenship to all remaining stateless persons of Indian origin in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka has agreed to grant citizenship to the 94,000 persons (who had not applied for Indian citizenship by 31-10-1981 when the period for implementation of 1964 and 1974 Agreements expired). This is in addition to its original commitment of 3,75,000. India on its part agreed to dispose off all pending applications for Indian citizenship within eight months of Sri Lankan enacting legislation to grant citizenship to the 94,000 persons referred to above.

Flying Squads to fight Crimes against Women

395. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Women's Welfare, Youth and Sports announced the setting up of four flying squads headed by women police officers to fight crimes against women in Delhi and whether the decision has been implemented;

(b) how many dowry cases and other crimes against women have been committed in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether four squads are adequate to fight such crimes against women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) The Department of Women's Welfare, Government of India, has recognised 4 national level voluntary organisations under the provision of the Dowry Prohibition Amendment Act, 1984.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See below*).

(c) Besides voluntary organisations a Crimes Against Women Cell has been set up in Delhi Police to deal exclusively with offences against women. Stringent steps have been taken to curb crimes against women by making appropriate amendments in the Criminal Procedure Code, Indian Penal Code and the Indian Evidence Act and also bringing into force the Dowry Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 1984.